



## TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

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Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords  
77 Calle Portal, Suite B160  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Re: Huachuca City library expansion

Dear Congresswoman Giffords,

I am asking for your support in securing funding to bring the Huachuca City library up to capacity and be able to serve the increasing needs and demands of our community. The reasons for the necessity for expansions are as follows:

1. The number of community members utilizing our library has almost doubled from last year.
2. Because we have partnered with the local school district, the number of youth that are coming to the library has increased.
3. The space designated for the youth has grown much smaller due to the high usage of the library by adults.
4. We anticipate high numbers for the after school program and need additional space to accommodate. Parents need to know that the library is a safe and educational environment for their children, we need to provide an area for our youth.
5. There is more and more demand from outside groups to use our library facilities for public services, such as free tax preparation, workshops for job assistance, club meetings, etc. We need to create more space for this type of service.
6. Overall, our library has become a place where people come to receive assistance in finding employment, the use of public computers for college classes, free community services, library classes for elementary age children, after school program and much more. It is so much more than "checking out books". We have quite simply, outgrown our library.

Public funding will be a necessity until the expansion is complete and the needs of the public can be accommodated.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Byron Robertson  
Mayor